

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first paragraph of page 1, with the following amended paragraph:

--This application is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of US Patent Application No. 09/552,278, filed on April 19, 2000, now US Pat. No. 6,574,195 entitled "MICRO-FLOW MANAGEMENT," which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

This application also is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/699,199, filed October 27, 2000, now abandoned and entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UTILIZATION BASED MICRO-FLOW LABEL SWITCHING," which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--